

PASCUA YAQUI INDIAN RESERVATION

Community Profile

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Pascua Yaqui Indian Reservation is in southern Arizona. The first modern Yaqui settlements were near Nogales and South Tucson. Gradually, they spread out, settling north of Tucson in a place they named Pascua Village and in Guadalupe. Now calling themselves the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, they accepted political integration into American society but retained their religion and culture. In 1964, Congress transferred 202 acres to Yaquis who wanted a home where they could preserve tribal identity. In 1982, the reservation acquired an additional 690 acres; in 1988, the tribe's first constitution was approved. In 1994, the tribe's status was changed from a created tribe to an historic tribe.

FOUNDED: 1978

INCORPORATED: No

COUNTY: Pima County

DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 126 miles

DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 15 miles

HIGHWAYS: I-19

POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Pascua Yaqui Indian			
Reservation	2,412	3,315	N/A
Pima County	666,957	843,746	931,210
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

N/A: Population estimates for this community are not available.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

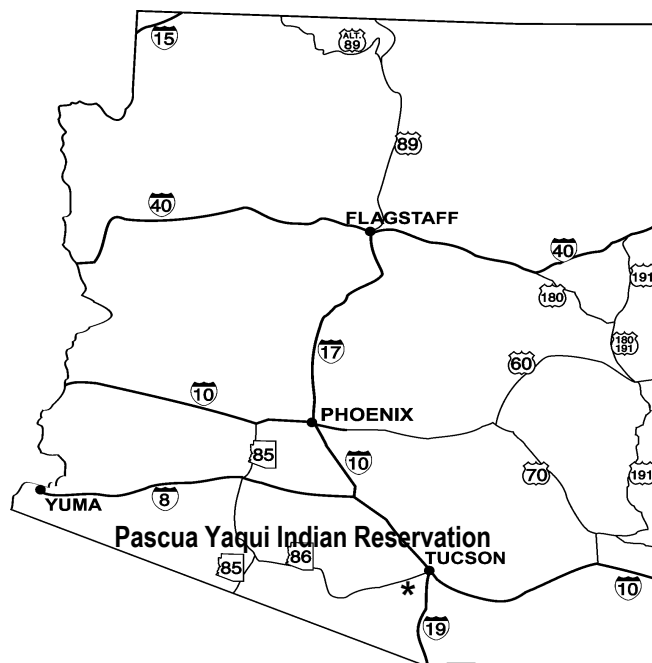
Tribal government is the largest employer on the reservation. The tribe operates a gaming facility, Casino of the Sun, which includes slot machines, keno, and card games. The tribe also operates a landscape nursery business, a bingo hall, and manufactures adobe blocks.

County Employment

	<u>2004</u>
Construction	24,000
Educational & Health Svcs	47,800
Financial Activities	16,700
Government	79,600
Information	7,500
Leisure & Hospitality	38,800
Manufacturing	28,400
Professional & Business Svcs	42,300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	58,100

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Civilian Labor Force	601	838	968
Unemployed	142	183	245
Unemployment Rate	23.6%	21.8%	25.3%

Source s: Arizona Department of Economic Security

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The Pascua Yaqui Indian Reservation is surrounded by a variety of scenic drives and recreational opportunities. Mount Lemmon has skiing facilities an hour away. Saguaro National Monument is a few miles north. Other sights include the San Xavier del Bac Mission, the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and Kitt Peak Observatory. The nearby Santa Catalina, Tucson and Rincon Mountains provide hiking and camping opportunities.

TAXES

The State of Arizona does not tax Indian lands and Indian owned property on reservations. Incomes of Indians residing on reservations are not taxed by the State if wholly derived from reservation sources. The Federal Government does not exempt individual Indians from income or other federal taxes. Indian people of Arizona are also exempt from state and local sales taxes on consumer goods purchased on the reservation, unless such taxes are imposed by the tribal government. However, the State of Arizona collects taxes from reservation residents on sales of gasoline, electricity, natural gas, and telephone service.

Industrial Properties

There is one 40-acre industrial park with no utilities available; contact the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

Utilities

Electricity	Trico Electric Cooperative	520.744.2944
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	City of Tucson Water Services	520.791.3242

Cable Providers: No Cable Internet Service Provider: No
 Digital Switching Station: No Fiber Optics: No
 Internet Service Provider: No

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe offers community facilities including tribal offices, a senior center and greenhouse, a library, park, community center, recreation center and an education center.

Educational Institutions

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N

Financial

Available in Tucson 15 miles northeast.

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: Bureau of Indian Affairs

Airports

Nearby Tucson International Airport is located 15 miles northeast.

Medical

The reservation has one health clinic and two hospitals within a 15-minute drive in Tucson.

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	38.7	64.8	0.88
February	40.8	68.2	0.74
March	44.8	73.2	0.72
April	50.7	81.4	0.32
May	58.6	90.3	0.17
June	68.0	99.6	0.24
July	73.8	99.2	2.26
August	72.4	97.0	2.23
September	67.8	94.2	1.37
October	57.0	84.7	0.93
November	45.3	72.8	0.61
December	39.0	65.2	0.96

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2004. Average Total Snowfall 1.2". Nearest data available from Tucson WSO AP, AZ.

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